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Great Victory Over Romanism

A Brief Review of the Indictments, Arrests, and Trial of N. L. A. Eastman, Bishop of Gospel Workers of America, Rochester, N. Y.

On April 10, 1906, Bishop N. L. A. Eastman was arrested at his home in Allen Street, Rochester, N. Y., by the sheriff of Monroe County, N. Y., to answer to an indictment found in the County Court, on a charge of criminal libel, upon the complaint of a Roman Catholic lawyer, who it is said acted in the interest of B. J. McQuaid, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Rochester. Attorney A. H. Stearns, for the defendant, successfully demurred, and the indictment was thrown out. During this time the Bishop was under bond. Placing a minister of the Gospel and Bishop of a duly incorporated religious body under bond!

The Second Indictment

The second indictment was found in October, 1906; the Bishop was again placed under arrest, and called for his bondsmen. To be brief, a demur to this indictment was sustained in the Appellate Division, therefore this indictment amounted to nothing.

The Third Indictment

The Romish element was not to be defeated and on January 21, 1907, another indictment was found; the case went through the lower courts of the State of New York, and was left for the Court of Appeals to decide at Albany, N. Y. The dissenting opinion was written by the one Roman Catholic Judge, O'Brien, on the bench. The manner in which he expressed himself was unbecoming to any gentleman, but—a magistrate of the law!

Of course Judge O'Brien's opinion held this indictment from

being quashed, and it will probably be brought up sometime; when, we cannot say; perhaps never.

The First Indictment in the U. S. Court

In November, 1907, Bishop Eastman was arrested and furnished bail to answer for this indictment found in the United States District Court at Buffalo, N. Y., charging him as you will read in "The Fourth Indictment," a copy of which is printed in this pamphlet. We do not see how a man who has led a Christian life for 26 years, and preached the Gospel 23 years of that time could possibly have such a charge brought against him and be found guilty of it. Hence the great victory he won. Judge John R. Hazel dismissed this indictment on demur.

Indicted Four Times in U.S.Court

Jan. 21, 1908, four indictments were found in the United States District Court at Elmira, N. Y. The case was put over several times and finally was brought to trial Friday, Nov. 13, 1908, in the U. S. Court at Buffalo, N. Y., Judge Hazel presiding. The trial closed at 4 P. M., Tuesday, Nov. 17th, the jury returning a verdict of "Not guilty on any of the counts as charged against him in the indictments," after being out only one hour and twenty minutes. Lawyer Stearns defended the case in a very able manner all the way through. We thank him, the Judge, and jury, for their fair and impartial handling of the case. Mr. Bass, as the prosecuter for the Government, we believe to be a very able lawyer and thank him for any kind intention or thought he may have had.

Great Rejoicing

The readers and friends who peruse this pamphlet may well believe that a great load, seemingly, has been lifted from those associated with the Bishop. His family, indeed, have special cause to rejoice and the Thanksgiving Day of 1908 came at a most opportune time for thankfulness on the part of the Bishop's friends and relatives in Rochester and elsewhere.

These recent indictments have been some expense to the Government, as several witnesses were subpoenaed each time.

Three employees of the Publishing House were before the Grand Jury, and also gave testimony at the trial. A full explanation cannot be given here, but a book of two hundred pages will be published soon by Bishop Eastman giving a detailed account of the entire proceedings.

The article, "Thou Must Bear Witness at R me," is printed in this pamphlet to show how a prophecy may come true.

On the page following the Bishop has written a line regarding his indictments and arrests. —Employee.

A Crushing Defeat to Romanism

To the Readers:

At 4 P. M., Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1908, at Buffalo, N. Y., the decisive blow was struck, declaring these articles not obscene. Twelve jurymen representing the United States of America decided in this way, and cleared the writer of the fearful charges made against him at the instigation of the Roman Catholic Church. The great heighth to which the Romish element rose against me the greater was its fall. I desire to tell every one that this great victory was won in answer to prayer, after the writer being forced into the U. S. Court.

I am preparing a book, "The Open Door to Hell," containing a full account of this case, and also an expose of the confessional box.

Let it be known that every article in this little book was written and published by me, and I believe the Holy Ghost led and inspired me.

N. L. A. Eastman.

Bishop of the Incorporated body of Gospel Workers of America, Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1908.

THOU MUST BEAR WITNESS AT ROME*

This is the voice of the Holy Ghost thundering these words to Paul at night, when the Lord stood by him. He had testified at Jerusalem and no head taken off there. Something fiercer, more deathlike, more terrific yet to meet. You must face Nero (type of the devil). Your brainy head must adorn Nero's guillotine block, your blood must drench it. Go to Rome from this shipwreck. Some must be shipwrecked before they will go to Rome. Go to thy death. Thy reputation is gone. What matters to thee where thou diest, thou gigantic hero of the ages. Rome, the seat of government, the headquarters for the infernal regions, the supreme court of hell, the cesspool of the abyss of darkness, the culmination of all effort of destruction. Go there and give thy testimony. Amen, Lord. Be of good cheer on the way to Rome, that's what God said in Acts 23:11. Who told me to be of "Good cheer?" Ah! I hear that voice. It thrills me. It nerves me up for the battle. It stirs my warlike blood. It makes me feel like a warrior. To Rome I'll go. Go to thy death. Farewell my friends. To all adieu. I shall not look on your face again. To all my friends, to all earth's precious jewels, farewell. I have an appointment in Rome. My circuit takes in Rome. Paul while on his way to the guillotine block

*This article is a prophecy, and fulfilled somewhat in the arrests and indictments of the author.

preached the gospel and two were saved. Extend my circuit a little. Face those who seek my life? Face that death trap beyond? Must I go to yonder city and there preach the truth that will cause blood to run? "You must go to Rome," a command. Rome must be drenched with the blood of the martyrs. Rome the great whore, situated on seven hills, to be an appointment on my circuit? Why that's the seat of the beast. *Go!* Dare you face it my brother? How is your courage? How is your faith? Can you go with a conqueror's tread. Do you announce to the legions of the pit you are on the way to Rome? Brethren we are babes yet in persecution if we stand firm as we took our stand at Conference and walk in the light that shone on that galaday of the heavenly racers. Rome is the seat of the papacy and the pope, and his cardinals are setters and they are hatching out vipers and vermin. Their virus is inoculating and putting to death many. But dare you go to Rome? Brethren all the cohorts of hell are preparing for war. Be ready, stand like the brave, never mind the flesh and its plaintive pleadings. Go to Rome. Go to the headquarters of hell and preach a burning and a fiery gospel. Blaze it abroad. Give it to the damned, doomed and dying. Give to the winds your needless fears. Give the truth to Protestants and Catholics. Everything must crumble, fall and succomb to the truth. It will bring great things to pass. Do you believe it? Familiar spirits and wizards will be hurled into the scorching sun and parch to death before this king of the worlds—the truth. Hide in the Rock. Run into the high tower, mark well her bulwarks. Strengthen thy stakes. Enlarge thy borders; jump, shout, salute the heavens, do obeisence to our great Commander, dance before the ark. Fear not, go to Rome, blood shall mark thy steps. A monument of eternal fame and heroism shall be erected at thy bloody grave that shall penetrate the heavens and whose base shall stand on the Rock, which the gates of hell shall never shake. Can you give the

battle signal? Hallelujah! Men and devils and sometimes good people will face you to keep you from going to Rome. But go you must. Go I will. It means heaven quicker. It means a happy greeting on the eternal shore. Rome must hear the gospel. Gospel Workers go to Rome. Go face that enemy seeking your blood. Preach until you reach the block, until the axe falls on your neck. Then after your head is severed from your trunk, open wide your mouth and shout hallelujah! for the battle is over, pain is over, you have triumphed over all and bloody Rome at last, and heaven has been increased by your home coming. *Fire!* Till we all get home. I am on my way to Rome.

—*The Gospel Worker, May, 1904.*

THE OPEN DOOR TO HELL

Is the Confessional Box. It is Hell's gate. The mainspring of lust. The very embodiment and focus of the virus of Hell. It is the very matter and pus that runs from the corpse in Hell. It is the pollution and rottenness of the decay of ages. It is the cesspool, the recipient, the reservoir of lust, of vile thought and communication, adultery; the birthplace of sexual criminality with men's wives and young girls, and the convent is earth's terminus and Hell, the lake of fire is the dumping ground. It is the criminal college. The mother of prostitution. The author of pauperism. From it emanates poison to society, homes, our schools and government. I speak in love. No time to trifle. This Anaconda is drawing itself over many a threshhold and stinging thousands to death. Hark! A voice from the tomb; the blood of the innocent crying out. In what sense is the Confessional Box needed? The word of God says in John 1:9; If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

You go direct to God Almighty, through Jesus Christ, to confess your sins. Not in a concealed and secluded place and alone. No wife can go with her husband. Here the priest asks the vilest of questions and of course the husband could not be present. He asks the most delicate and intimate questions. But under what obligation is any one to a priest? What business has he to get in a box and ask delicate females questions that no minister of Jesus Christ, or true gentleman on earth would ask. Right here in the Confessional many have been ruined, and many become mothers as a result; and, men, you are paying your money to priests and to a church that is ruining your daughters, and stealing the affections of your wife until he knows more about her than you do. She has many secrets kept from you, husband, but not from that licentious priest.

This is all true, dear reader, and can be proven by thousands of witnesses. May it not well be called "The Open Door to Hell." Last month a dear brother gave "THE GOSPEL WORKER" to some in the place where he was at work, in this city. It was the January number, with the article, "Break Open the Doors and Look In," and it caused much excitement. Bloody threats and curses were made, and two could not sleep that night they were so stirred over the truth in it. Was any one ever benefitted in any way, by going to the Confessional Box? If it is advice you need, why go to that secret place?

Dear reader, Jesus Christ never instituted the Confessional. Would He call lustful, licentious, drinking men to ask you such low, vile questions, which are unbecoming to any one to ask another? I am sure you say no, and begin to see the awfulness of it. You might as well confess to a dead dog. The Romish Church teaches you cannot be saved unless you confess to a priest. Read this from their own teaching: "If any one shall say that priests who are in mortal sin have not the power of binding or loosing, or that

priests are not the only ministers of absolution, let him be accursed." This does away with Jesus' blood. It makes God second to this fellow in the Confessional Box. They say that every sin, the vilest, the lowest, and most criminal, by man or woman, must be confessed to the priest. They do not teach it is necessary to repent, but to do penance. Notice, this takes the place of repentance. Penance and confession to a wicked priest necessary to salvation? Is there an intelligent person on the earth that believes it?

The following is what Margaret L. Shepherd, who was for three years an inmate of Arno's Court Convent, Bristol, Eng., says:

"In the Confessional the depth of corruption and womanly degredation is reached. There the seeds of Hell are planted in the soul. The thoughts of a young girl are polluted. Her heart is polluted. Her mind becomes familiarized with the most revolting sins of impurity. The lessons engraved on the memory, the heart, the thought, the soul, like the scar of a red-hot iron, leaves it's scar. In the Confessional, young unmarried, and married women, get accustomed to hear and repeat without a scruple, things which would cause even a fallen woman to blush."

These are the words of one who has been through the above and escaped from their murderous hands. I will close with the above. It is a clincher, and positive evidence and witness of all I have said. All unite with me in prayer that the above will open the eyes of many deceived Romanists; and come to the blood of Christ.

—*The Gospel Worker, February, 1906.*

THEY WILL KILL YOU

As soon as one begins to expose the false doctrines of Romanism, you hear it said at once, they will kill

you. This is easily understood. It is universally known that many murders have been committed by the Romish Church. It is known the world over that Roman Catholics murdered Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley. They instituted the Inquisition, the great Bartholomew Massacre. Some think the Roman Catholics know all about the kidnapping of little Horace Marvin. They are known to be an irreligious institution. The priests are known, as a rule, to be men that drink. You can see it in their faces. They are known to be immoral. Why the secret confessional? Why do the priests, cardinals, Bishops, and the Pope, all claim celibacy? It can be proven that priests have one or more concubines. What means that lime bed in the basement of that convent? What mean so many bones in these lime beds? When the judgment is set and these murdered infants, and others who have been murdered in the convents come forth, and face the Mother Superior, Mother Abess, priests and bishops; then will these shrinking knaves and murderers go to the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. It is known in general that Roman Catholics are bitterly opposed to the Protestants and to our government, to free speech and religious liberty. It is well known their bible is very different than the Christian Bible. They have made their bible to suit their crooked doctrines and their co-called church. God made our Bible to suit Himself, and we conform to it. It is known they do not teach, preach, nor practice repentence. Roman Catholics have threatened the writer's life many times. They have been heard doing it. The plans are laid, no doubt in the confessional box. However conscientious a priest may be, he can not tell, to one person one thing that occurs in the confessional box. Neither can the person confessing, ever tell one word outside, the priest says to them in the confessional. This is their law and must be obeyed. Why? You can see through it all. Why is the Romish Church so very particular in keeping everything so

secret and hidden, if there is no deviltry, sin or adultery practiced there.

Why are they after the life of everyone who exposes the sins of the priests, and their diabolical works? If they are Christians why do they kill and threaten to kill? Our Bible says, "Thou shalt not kill." The Romish Church says, thou shalt kill. They do not believe in being saved from sin at all. They do not believe in being Christians. The priest forgives sins, and baptism cleanses from original sin, this is their belief. They all teach this. This is denying the blood of Christ. According to this; the unholy priest is the justifier, and a few drops of water, or baptism, is the sanctifier. On p. 229, "The Means of Grace," or "The Seven Sacraments," you will find these words, "As original sin is remitted in baptism, so are personal sins remitted in confession, it is a veritable tribunal. For there are two tribunals of God; one is held here below in the confessional; the other will be held in the last day," etc. This is their theology as taught in their colleges and seminaries. The priests teach this to their people. Every priest and intelligent person on earth knows the above is false, devilish, and denies the Christ and His blood. O how long will these poor deceived people continue in these abominable lies. The Romish Church leads people direct to hell. The Mother of Harlots. In enlightened America, with her thousands of Protestant churches, is it not alarming that this heathen religion exists. The Bible condemns and denounces priesthood, and popery. It denounces the abominable confessional box, with all its secret, and abominable, hellish works. There is not a Protestant in the land that believes it is right to confess to a priest. Shame covers that ideal of hell. That perfect type of the devil, the priest in the box. They say the confessional was instituted by Jesus Christ. Alarming, and shocking. Strange that Jesus would institute the confessional and then condemn it in His word. Let all Christians unite in prayer

that God will stop the Romanists by the thousands, going into the confessional and being led astray by these villians. God answers prayer. He saves to the uttermost. Hallelujah! Dear Roman Catholic friend you no longer confess to the priest.

You will be damned and lost forever if you do not stop it. God is calling you out from Rome's dark and benighted walls. My Protestant friend, you are alive today, because the Roman Catholic Church has not the power to kill you, or repeat the Inquisition. Rome is a conquered foe. Her utter destruction is inevitable. Her downfalls certain. Let none fear her, but go forward in the name of Jesus, the Hero of the ages. Her convents will be opened. Murder and slavery cannot exist in our fair land by this murderous tribe much longer.

—*The Gospel Worker, May, 1907.*

THE CONFESSIONAL BOX

This deadly foe to womanhood, cannot be allowed to exist in this Christian land unmolested and untouched by those who know its purpose, object, aim, and vile nature. They say, the Confessional keeps men and women from sin. They must say it, in order to cover up, and hide beneath its bawdy wings. How can it save from sin, when it is all sin? How can the Confessional save from sin when the Roman Catholic theology and teaching denies the blood of Jesus Christ, for such they do? "The Seven Sacraments" or "Means of Grace," their book, copyright, 1894, by Benziger Brothers, Imprimatur, Michael Augustine, Archbishop of New York, New York, June 20, 1893, p. 227, you will find these exact words: "The penitent must in all humility and sorrow reveal his (I supply this, or her) internal life to a priest, that is, he (or she) must confess." You read carefully the above.

Do you see the serpent coiled up here, ready to spring on its victim? Here is a young lady, in the Confessional with an unmarried, unsaved, unholy priest. She is alone with him. Both are exposed to the greatest temptation and danger. She tells him her "internal" or secret life. Every thought, deed, act and feeling, as far as she can remember. He leads her step by step, many times the dear women are innocent, and suppose this to be right. They are taught the priest cannot sin, he may do what he will. There is the penalty of eternal damnation pronounced upon them by the priest if they do not tell everything to them. This fear hanging over them they dare not hold back (the most of them), now you see the object of such tyrannical rules of Confession, you cannot mistake it. And not one word here dare, by priest or penitent, be told to father, mother, husband, wife, sister, brother or lover. On p. 228 (same book): "In the first century of the Church St. Clement, a disciple and a successor of St. Peter, expressed himself thus: whosoever has a care for his soul, let him not blush to acknowledge his sins (remember or her) to a superior, that he may obtain relief from them and have them healed." Then he adds: "St. Peter taught that we should reveal even our thoughts to the priests." But these deceivers don't give the reference, so we can find in Peter where he said reveal your thoughts to a priest. Say reader, Peter does not mention one word about the priests. Deception is this of the deepest die. I defy the pope; down to the lowest priest to deny the above quotations. Same page, "Let no one say, I confess privately to God; it is sufficient that he who is to forgive me should know the sorrow of my heart." This means the priest must know the sorrow of your heart. These rascals charm their victims, then seize their prey and lead many to ruin. Let God say something out of His book right here: Jer. 17:9, The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it. Rom. 3:23, Their throat is an open sepulchre: with their

tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips; verse 15, Their feet are swift to shed blood. This is what God says about them. Is there a class of people on earth that scripture fits like the Romish priest, pope, cardinal, bishop and monk. We are taught throughout the Bible that all must not confess to any one but God. The same book as above quoted from p. 233, "We should not go too near the Box, lest we might hear some sin. If we do hear any, we are strictly bound to silence. It would be a shocking crime to hear." You see, this hell hole, the Box, is guarded closely and no one allowed within hearing distance, so as not to know what is going on there. Ah! what awful disclosures. It will be known friend. You may guard that Box here, but God's lightning; His truth, is piercing it through. Come out from behind those curtains. Why don't you allow that woman's husband there while she is confessing to you? If she is only confessing her sins that ought to demand her husbands presence. Intelligent men it is surprising that you allow your wife to go alone to that Box. And mother, that daughter unaccompanied by you is exposed to that man. We can give you the questions asked in the Box. Gentlemen ask the priest to let you read Peter Den's Theology, and Liguori's works. Friend, think for yourself. Go with your wife and daughter to that secret place just once, and that will forever end the Confessional Box within your house.

—*The Gospel Worker, May, 1907.*

LET US SEE!

Let us an honest investigation. Let our officers go through the basement of your churches and school buildings. Let them stand by while men and women are confessing to the priest. Let them go into every room in the convents and nunneries. Throw your

doors wide open for Protestant investigation. Romanists can go through every room in our Protestant churches. Nothing private or kept from any officer there. Will Bishop McQuaid let our Mayor, Commissioner, and a committee of citizens go into every room in the convents in Rochester, also go through basement of the different school and church buildings? Will you willingly consent to let these gentlemen hear you question that woman in the confessional? Will you put Peter Den's and Ligouri's work into the hands of Protestants? Now, Roman Catholics, do this or stop crying "Libel," and making such a howl over The Open Door to Hell. You well know that we know what is there. You know that we are not blinded at all, nor in the dark. God has in various ways brought to light, and will continue to do so the fearful and awful criminality there. Every secret thing shall be brought to light. You cannot cover up successfully. If your nuns and sisters of charity, and celibate priests are pure and holy, why have great walls and bolted and barred doors? Why never let the nuns out into the open air? Why shut them from all society? Why never let them see their parents after they take the black veil? Reader, these are pertinent and important questions. They are worthy of your most candid and serious consideration. If you are all right, Romanists, why that underground walk to the nunnery for the old bachelor father? Why need you so often go into the nunneries and convents? Why don't you do as the Bible says, to marry and be a man; not live alone with an unmarried woman? You let us see and know the inner workings of the confessional box, or keep still. Do not try to prove yourselves innocent and clear when you would hide all proof from us if you could. Just draw back the curtain, thou most holy F-A-T-H-E-R, and let the honest husband and father look in. Let that mother go with that boy and girl, my dear sir, when they come and kneel at your polluted feet. Let them do this or

you stop it. Then again, every priest ought to be arrested for getting money under false pretenses, when they gull, deceive and play on the conscience of their devotees, to get money, lying, as bad as any devil in hell ever lied, for pretending to pray that friend out of P-U-R-G-A-T-O-R-Y. No priest on earth believes such a thing can be done. Those who die in their sins will be doomed, and the priest might as well whistle as to pray. Gal. 6:6, Be not deceived, God is not mocked. O thou deceiver, thou false prophet. All our readers know that if everything was as God wanted it with Romish worship, there would be no such dark and secluded places. Their nuns would not shave their heads and disfigure themselves. Jesus and His followers are open, and do nothing in secret.

—*The Gospel Worker, August, 1907.*

SHALL THERE BE AN INVESTIGATION?

The Open Door to Hell has stood the investigation and probing so far. Will the Romish Bishop McQuaid, and the pope, allow us to investigate the confessional, the convents, and their theologies? What wont bear inspection, and stand the open light of day, is of the devil. It is and must come to this. The time is not far distant when every convent and nunnery in America will be forced open. Is it not right for the American people to know what is going on there? The Open Door to Hell has gone through the most rigid examination, and yet no violation of law. It has been proven in the writer's case, that an indictment is not conviction. Go and see if the confessional and nunneries are what we say they are. The city papers made a big stir last month over the writer's case and said he must be tried. For what? Roman Catholics: you must prove what I have said in The Open Door to Hell and this paper is not true. You can easily do

it, if it is not. If the confessional is not the vortex of hell and the garbage can of the bottomless pit, you can prove it. If it is not, how it would gladden the writer's heart. If it was a pure place, how I would rejoice. If all was pure, the wicked priests and bishops would not be there. It is the man in the box, and the woman just outside the box, kneeling at the holy (?) father's feet that ought to go before the grand jury for investigation. The Open Door to Hell calls for an investigation of its charges. I appeal to our government to cause an investigation to thoroughly be made of all the convents and nunneries. I appeal to have the confessional stopped. To stop women, unaccompanied by anyone, going to confessional. Reader, the influence of it is most degrading, demoralizing and ruinous to womanhood. It has blasted the character of many.

Let us have an investigation of Romish doctrines. Take the following doctrines and submit them to a thorough investigation: tran-substantiation, virgin worship and purgatory. These doctrines will not bear the light of God one moment. Are the questions the priest asks in the box pure and holy? What authority has that man to meddle with private affairs. Busy bodies in other men's matters. What right has a priest to pry into the most intimate relations between husband and wife? He does do it. We have his questions asked there. A man that is a man will not do it. It's a coward, a knave; a licentious brute that will do so. There is occasionally a priest who will not ask all these questions. Are there not many in our land today, who are children of the priests, the most holy (?) fathers? Are there not many children walking the streets of Rochester and other cities whose fathers are the priests? Turn the Romish church inside out. Her corruptions are coming to light rapidly. Gentlemen in authority, I call for a most thorough and rigid investigation of Romanism. Probe her, go to the bottom, open her doors the same as the Protestants

do theirs. Prevail with God for an upheaval and unearthing.

—*The Gospel Worker, August, 1907.*

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THERE?

It must be something horrible, terrible, fearful and frightful. Some one is going to answer. This question will be answered by demonstration. There must be crime and fearful iniquities practised there, or our American officers would not be barred out, and parents could see their daughters. It must be vile, unlawful, and all wrong, or every man except the priests, and their bishops would not be shut out. It must be contrary to the law or they would have no objection to our officers and citizens going in. They must be opposed to purity, holiness, and all that is righteous and good, or why confine them so closely, and so determined to keep them from all communication with everybody but "mother superior" and that licentious priest, and possibly a few more, who are thus confined? Is it possible for any person to tell of what benefit, of what good, of what use, are the convents and nunneries? It is not a holy institution. These women confined there cannot work for Christ and the upbuilding of humanity. Certainly not, for not a single person is allowed to go in there and be prayed for by getting on their knees and repenting of their sins. Friends, can you not see what the nunneries are for? Are they not only for the priests to confine women and keep them there for the unholy, ungodly priest to gratify his lust and adulterous nature? "What is going on in there?" This question will pierce through these dungeons of hell, the convents and nunneries. It will smash through bolted doors and reveal that broken-hearted, sad and forlorn woman sitting in that lonely room, with chastity and purity

all gone. The Romish Church paying no taxes on these houses of prostitution? American people and christians, open your eyes and look in. No one need to howl or find fault with this, for if these places are pure as you Roman Catholics claim they are, let us look in and see, so you can prove the writer is a liar. Will you do this? If I am lying, nothing could prove it so easily and so perfectly as to throw open your convent and nunnery doors, and let us walk in and see every person confined there, and see every dungeon, and every underground walk. This will settle all questions. Let our officers go in. This would close my mouth. "What is going on in there?" God Almighty knows. He sees the ruination of that woman. He hears her screams and cries. The Holy Ghost knows every act there. He sees that priest making his way at midnight to her room. Sin cannot be hid from the penetrating eye of God. Every honest question demands an honest answer. This is an honest question. What is going on in that convent? We, as American people, have a right to know. They tell us it is for women to shut themselves up with God, away from the world, deny themselves, and live a life of self-denial. Shocking! Such deception! Say, do you think any one who has shut themselves in with God, would not allow any person, parents, nor any one else, to ever come and see them? Shut in with God, and walking with Jesus, in a hell hole? Shut in with Jesus, and heart-broken, sad, and ruined? Such diabolical, Satanic deception. "What is going on in there?" This question demands an answer. It will be. God Almighty will bring it to a crisis. There is a culminating point somewhere. Froth and foam you may, but God's dear old Bible says every secret thing shall be brought to light; shall be made known. Hear it! ye dark and benighted ones. This question is asked by the Holy Ghost, and He will ask no questions He will not answer. Come out now, ye priests and bishops, and answer this question, and there is but one

way to do it, and that is throw open the doors and let us look in. You have been deceiving and lying too long for us to take your word. There must be an ocular demonstration. Let them answer from inside, that have been ruined. Margaret Shepherd,* Barbara Ubryk, Maria Monk, Edith O'Gorman and thousands of others have answered this question. Make out a list of the crimes, sins and wickedness going on in there, and let American people read them, and every nunnery would be closed in a hurry in America. It is hastening on to that point, and all the Romish bull dogs and blood hounds; pope, priests and bishops can not stop it. It is inevitable, declared by the mouth of God, and will be executed by His power. The Holy Ghost write this on your heart, and make it ring in your ears. "What is going on in there?"

—*The Gospel Worker, Sept., 1907.*

CELIBACY OF THE ROMISH PRIESTHOOD, OR SATAN'S MINISTERS

2 Cor. 11:13, 14, 15: For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

The word celibacy means the unmarried state. Latin—Coelibatus; from Coelebs.—Bachelorship. Celibacy was adopted in the year 340, at the Council of Arles. Married men could not enter the Roman Catholic Church for ordination, unless they left their wives and families. It became common at the end of the sixth century. Celibacy was ordained for bishops

*Books by Margaret Shepherd may be obtained from this office at various prices.

at the Council of Trullo in the year 695. Celibacy was greatly opposed by the Reformation. Martin Luther was married in 1525 toCatherine Von Bora, who with eight others had escaped from the nunnery of Nimptschen in 1523. They were married by Dr. Bughenhagen in the house of Reichenbach, the town clerk. Luther was forty-two years old when he was married, and Catherine was twenty-six. Luther said: "I value my wife more than the kingdom of France, or the wealth of the Venetians."

The Bible forbids celibacy. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife * * not given to wine, 1 Tim. 3:2. He must have a wife; this scripture commands him to. And he must not drink wine; a bishop or a pastor. Here are two points where they violate the Scripture. The priests and bishops drink wine and do not marry. These men are known to have one or more concubines.

Here is point No. 3: Where they violate the Word or God and trample it under their unholy feet. 1 Cor. 7:3: Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence; and likewise also the wife unto the husband. How can Romish priests and "bishops" fulfill this Scripture without a wife. 1 Tim. 4:2, 3: Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry. Here is point four: Where they trample under foot the Word of God and count the Blood an unholy thing. But; again, if their lives were pure and they did abstain from lust and fornication, then there could not be so much said. But they are known to be impure and licentious men. We can prove it by Peter Den's theology, and other of their works. This is no myth, no fiction. I would to God it was not true. But alas! how are the mighty fallen.

1. Celibacy is then unscriptural.

2. It is the germ of whoredom and prostitution. It is the ruination of thousands of priests and women Here is a sad picture: An unmarried man and an

unmarried woman living together in the same house year after year are thrown in the most dreadful temptations and sins. O how sad! What will the last day reveal. O horrifying scenes; frightful and terrifying. The screams, agonies and tortures of these priests in hell. As the family; so is the church. The families being corrupt, can you expect a pure church? Lust and adultery at the head of the church—what must the body be? Impure homes must produce impure society.

The results of their unmarried state is illegitimate children, criminals, murder and corruption, of the deepest dye. All must see it. The home is the foundation of society. A proper home is an organized body. But how could a Romish priest or bishop organize when they have no family? Then from a legal standpoint they are under obligations to marry. Those who have property, and have no family, to whom will they leave it at their death?

A minister of the Gospel is to be an example of piety, purity and good example. How can these Romish priests set an example worthy of any one to follow? Reader, can you not but denounce and condemn such open violation of the Word of God. They trample morality and respectability down. If the Confessional Box is destroyed, the priests will marry. Three thousand French priests have petitioned the pope at Rome to grant them the right to marry. This means many more thousands. Notice, men of mature minds and education, asking of the poor weak and fallible man the right the Bible grants them. The pope has no more to do with it than any other sinner. Any man who assumes such authority is a very wicked man; a bad man. The great commotion and eruption now in the Romish Church is all in answer to prayer "New Theology and Modernism," coming into the Romish Church, as the pope says in his encyclical, is the Holy Ghost enlightening the Roman Catholics. The true light now shineth. The pope, in his ency-

clical, exposes his great ignorance, fear and alarm. It shows the old sinner is trembling, and that many Roman Catholics are coming out. Romish celibacy was born in hell.

—*The Gospel Worker, October, 1907.*

RUM, ROMANISM AND RAGS

These three R's is a triplet that belongs to the Romish Church. Romanism is the mother of rum and rags. She teaches and practices intemperance, profligacy and debauchery. Many of her priests, "bishops" and cardinals drink. This needs no more proof than to look into their bloated, degraded faces. Wherever Romanism prevails, drunkenness is prevalent, and drunkenness is productive of rags. The man spends his money for whiskey and beer, while his family is hungry for bread, and destitute of clothing. He is encouraged in this by pretended absolution or forgiveness by the priest, and, "if the priest can drink I can drink too." A large majority of the drunkards, criminals and paupers are Roman Catholics. Where Romanism is in full sway the grossest ignorance, illiteracy, and harlotry abounds. Her shrines and altars are covered with blood, and filled with the dead. Adultery, lust and prostitution always go with rum and Romanism. Rags and illegitimate children abound. Then many women to hide the disgrace, commit suicide, and many murder their unborn children. The nunnery is rife with infantile murder. One purpose for which the Roman Catholics build nunneries is to conceal murder and put infants in a bed of lime concealment. Say, priest and mother Abbess and Superior, the next infant you murder, you remember you will meet that innocent, pure little darling, with its beautiful clear eyes penetrating your very soul, while you stand cowering, and covered with blood, awaiting

your sentence to depart for the bottomless pit and hell fire. Poor Nellie Lester, once a beautiful, pure woman, was in our Rescue Home* and meetings often in Rochester. A short time ago, after being in the meeting, she continued her drunkenness and harlotry. The news came she was dead and her body in the morgue, soon to go to the paupers burying ground. Brewer, rum-voter, saloon-keeper, and Roman Catholic, you are responsible for the life of this poor drunkard. When this poor blear-eyed, bloated, drunken harlot meets you at the tribunal bar of God, that doomed, damned, forever-lost, wretched Nellie Lester will curse you, and you rum drinkers and money grabbers, priests and "bishops" will be in hell to share the same torment, torture and suffering as she. God pity and have mercy on you. Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbors lips. There is a stream of iniquity that constantly emanates from that Romish cesspool. Poverty, rags and rum. Romanism, rum and rags. The Roman Catholic Church does not set any better example, nor teach any better morals or ethics than the saloon. Rags and rum is the fruit on her tree. Prov. 23:29-32: Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Blot out the confessional box and close up the nunneries and you will begin to get at the very root of intemperance. The breweries and saloons couldn't live if it were not for Romanism. Here is the wolf in sheeps clothing. Tear off his covering and you will see the true nature.

—*The Gospel Worker, Nov., 1907.*

*Bethesda Home.

THE FOURTH INDICTMENT

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

At a stated term of the District Court of the United States of America for the Western District of New York, begun and held at the Court House in the City of Buffalo, within and for the District aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, before the Honorable John R. Hazel, Judge of the said Court.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, *ss:*

The Grand Jurors of the United States of America, within and for the district aforesaid, then and there sworn and charged to inquire for the said United States of America and for the body of said District, do, upon their oaths, present that Newton L. A. Eastman now or late of Rochester in the County of Monroe with force and arms, etc., to wit: at Rochester in the County of Monroe in the said Western District of New York, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, heretofore, to wit: on the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven did then and there, knowingly, wrongfully, and unlawfully deposit, and cause to be deposited, in the mail and in the Post Office of the United States of America, then and there duly established, then and there for mailing and delivery, and for conveyance and delivery by means of the Post Office establishment of the United States, certain non-mailable matter, to wit: a certain obscene, lewd and lascivious paper, print and publication, of an indecent character and which said paper, print and publication was then and there obscene, lewd, lascivious and indecent that the same would be offensive to the Court here, and improper to be placed upon the records thereof, and therefore the Jurors do not set forth the same in this indictment; and which said paper, print and publication then and there con-

tained, and was then and there printed upon the same, obscene, indecent, lewd and lascivious epithets, terms and language, and which said paper, print and publication was then and there placed in an envelope, and which said envelope was then and there directed to T. H. Dowd, Salamanca, N. Y., contrary to the form of the Statute of the United States of America in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the United States of America and their dignity.

LYMAN W. BASS.

Attorney of the United States in and for the Western District of New York.

Copy of Warrant

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, To the Marshal of the Western District of New York, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that you take Newton L. A. Eastman, Defendant, if he shall be found in your district, and that you safely keep him so that you may have his body before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Western District of New York, to be held at the city of Elmira, in the said District, before the Judge of the said Court, on the second Tuesday of January next, to answer unto the United States of America, upon a bill of Indictment found and preferred against the said defendant by the Grand Jury of said District, on Nov. 18, 1907, and now on file in the office of the Clerk of the said Court, wherein the said defendant stands indicted, and charged with depositing, etc., obscene matters in the U. S. Mails, against the form of the Statute made and provided. And that you then and there have this writ.

Witness, the Honorable John R. Hazel, Judge of the said Court, at the city of Buffalo, in the said District, the 18th day of

November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven.

SIDNEY W. PETRIE, Clerk.

LYMAN W. BASS, U. S. Attorney.

List of Arrests

1st Time:
APRIL 10, 1906.
2nd Time:
OCTOBER 24, 1906.
3rd Time:
JANUARY 28, 1907.
4th Time:
NOVEMBER 20, 1907.

Eight Indictments

Four Jan. 21, 1908, by the U. S. Grand Jury in Elmira, N. Y. Three have been granted in the State of N. Y., and five by the U. S. Grand Jury. All this is done by "a large and respected body;" (?) Roman Catholics. Since April, 1906, these have been found against the writer. Not one of these indictments have been sustained.

A Grand Jury hears the evidence only on the side of the prosecution. An indictment is an accusation of one or more persons. Who makes the accusation in this case, the papacy—Romanism? They accused Jesus of being a devil—did it make Him one? They said He was an imposter—was He?

The following article is that which was referred to in the May number of THE GOSPEL WORKER, in regard to the arrest of L. S. Conklin, of Kane, Pa. The article is that which he was arrested for selling, and is taken from "The Devil in the Church and His Snares Laid to Destroy our Public Schools," page 59:

PRIESTS CAUSE MILLIONS TO GO WRONG

A million of women, and more than a million of girls, are asked questions by over two hundred thou-

sand priests, which, if taken upon the lips of any so-called Christian minister in the presence of wife or daughter, would debar him from his pulpit, place on his reputation an ineffaceable stain, and, if persisted in, would lead to banishment, if not to summary punishment. Why should priests in America be permitted to say and do what other religious teachers would not be tolerated in doing? Is there any reason why there should be one standard for Romanists, and another for Christians, Jews, or infidels? Have Romish priests a right to invade virtue, trample on justice, degrade womanhood, and despoil her of all that makes life valuable? Many are fond of reckoning Roman Catholics as a part of the Christian world. Let such demand that the priests marry, and get out of the house as a marplot, and enter it only as a religious teacher. Could they do so, it would revolutionize society, give the husband his place as the head of the household, and bar the path to almost universal licentiousness. The theory that a woman may obey the priest, and, without sin, be to him all he desires, and that she can never be called to account to God for any actions she may have performed to please him, compels millions to go wrong.

On a Sabbath afternoon, in Music Hall, a converted man handed in this request: "Pray for my poor, benighted relations who are yet in the bonds of iniquity and the gall of bitterness. My poor little niece, who is now in Boston, out of work, was put into a convent when three years of age, and has been since then the mother of two children before she was nineteen years of age, one living and one dead. She was living with a priest when these children were born; is now turned out upon the world, without work, without a home, and can neither read nor write." This is but a specimen of hundreds of letters which reveal the extent of this iniquity, about which the American people know so little and care less. The priest is in the way.

The foregoing articles have been very closely examined by lawyers and judges. They had to examine them to know just what they contained. Grand Jurors have had to examine them carefully, in order to find an indictment. "The Open Door to Hell" has been in the Courts in Pennsylvania, also in every instance victory turned in its favor. The highest officials of the Post Office Department had to examine these articles to see if they were mailable.

Our Heavenly Father wanted to get this truth from the lowest to the highest officials of our Government. My several indictments, arrests, and the trial, was the most successful way of getting it there. Roman Catholics are being converted through this movement. Circulate this pamphlet extensively.

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